GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:422
ANSWERED ON:23.02.2001
OPIUM CULTIVATION
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers have surrendered their opium cultivation licences in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the latest decision taken in respect of test procedure and weighing procedure of opium ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.

(d) Opium is classified on the basis of consistence determined by the method of Hot Air Oven testing.Weighment is done at various weighment centres where cultivators come with their produce.